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Re: Notice of Violation and Intent to File Suit under the Clean Water Act

To Whom It May Concern:

Brodsky & Smith, LLC ("Brodsky Smith") represents **Personal Privacy** a citizen of the State of California. This letter is to give notice that Brodsky Smith, on **Personal Privacy** behalf, intends to file a civil action against Greka Integrated, Inc. d/b/a Santa Maria Refining Co. a/k/a Santa Maria Asphalt Refinery ("Santa Maria Refinery") for violations of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act, 33 U.S.C. § 1251 *et seq.* ("Clean Water Act" or "CWA") at Santa Maria Refinery's facility located at 1660 Sinton Rd, Santa Maria, CA 93458 (the "Facility").

Personal Privacy is a citizen of the State of California who is concerned with the environmental health the Santa Maria River, and uses and enjoys the waters of the Santa Maria River, its inflows, and other areas of the overall Santa Maria River Watershed, of which the Santa Maria River is a part. **Personal Privacy** use and enjoyment of these waters are negatively affected by the pollution caused by Santa Maria Refinery's operations. Additionally, **Personal Privacy** acts in the interest of the general public to prevent pollution in these

waterways, for the benefit of their ecosystems, and for the benefits of all individuals and communities who use these waterways for various recreational, educational, and spiritual purposes.

This letter addresses Santa Maria Refinery's unlawful discharge of pollutants from the Facility via indirect flow into the Santa Maria River and the overall Santa Maria River Watershed.¹ Specifically, investigation of the Facility has uncovered significant, ongoing, and continuous violations of the CWA and the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System ("NPDES") General Permit No CAS000001 [State Water Resources Control Board] Water Quality Orders No. 2014-0057-DWQ (the "Industrial Stormwater Permit") and 92-12-DWQ (as amended by Order No. 97-03-DWQ) (the "Previous Industrial Stormwater Permit").²

CWA section 505(b) requires that sixty (60) days prior to the initiation of a civil action under CWA section 505(a), a citizen must give notice of his or her intent to file suit. 33 U.S.C. § 1365(b). Notice must be given to the alleged violator, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA"), and the State in which the violations occur. As required by section 505(b), this Notice of Violation and Intent to File Suit provides notice to Santa Maria Refinery of the violations that have occurred and which continue to occur at the Facility. After the expiration of sixty (60) days from the date of this Notice of Violation and the Intent to File Suit, [Personal Privacy] intends to file suit in federal court against Santa Maria Refinery under CWA section 505(a) for the violations described more fully below.

During the 60-day notice period, [Personal Privacy] is willing to discuss effective remedies for the violations noticed in this letter. We suggest that Santa Maria Refinery contact [Personal Privacy] attorneys at Brodsky & Smith within the next twenty (20) days so that these discussions may be completed by the conclusion of the 60-day notice period. Please note that we do not intend to delay the filing of a complaint in federal court, and service of the complaint shortly thereafter, even if discussions are continuing when the notice period ends.

I. THE LOCATION OF THE ALLEGED VIOLATIONS

A. The Facility

Santa Maria Refinery's Facility is located at 1660 Sinton Rd., Santa Maria, California. At the Facility, Santa Maria Refinery operates as a crude oil refining facility that produces asphalt, asphalt emulsions, and other crude byproducts. At the Facility, the following industrial activities occur: (i) asphalt production; (ii) emulsified asphalt production; (iii) slow-cure asphalt production; (iv) production of "light oil" byproducts such as gas oil and naphtha; (v) loading and unloading of crude oil products; (vi) asphalt blending; (vii) product storage; and (viii) tanker truck flushing. Other activities carried out in the regular course of business at the facility include storage of fuel and other oils, maintenance, equipment storage, and waste storage. Repair and maintenance activities carried out at the facility include, but are not limited to, electrical, plumbing, roofing, asphalt, concrete, and utilities repairs as well as janitorial duties. Possible pollutants from the Facility include total suspended solids ("TSS"), waste oils, lubricants, fuel, trash, debris, hazardous materials, oil and grease, pH, heavy metals, and other pollutants. Stormwater from the Facility discharges, indirectly, into the Santa Maria River.

¹ Santa Maria Refinery's Notice of Intent ("NOI") filed with the Central Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board ("CCRWWQB") improperly lists the receiving waters of the Facility as the "Pacific Ocean" via indirect flow. Upon investigation, and as admitted by Santa Maria Refinery in their most recent Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan ("SWPPP") at § 1.3, it is Lopez's knowledge and belief that the most immediate receiving water of the Facility is the Santa Maria River, via indirect flow, and that the Santa Maria River is a part of the Santa Maria River Watershed.

² On April 1, 2014, the State Water Resources Control Board adopted an updated NPDES General Permit for Discharges Associated with Industrial Activity, Water Quality Order No. 2014-57-DWQ, which has taken force or effect on its effective date of July 1, 2015. As of the effective date, Water Quality Order No. 2014-57-DWQ has superseded and rescinded the prior Industrial Stormwater Permit except for purposes of enforcement actions brought pursuant to the prior permit.

B. The Affected Water

The Santa Maria River and overall Santa Maria River Watershed are waters of the United States. The CWA requires that water bodies such as the Santa Maria River and overall Santa Maria River Watershed meet water quality objectives that protect specific "beneficial uses." The beneficial uses of the Santa Maria River and overall Santa Maria River Watershed include commercial and sport fishing, estuarine habitat, fish migration, navigation, preservation of rare and endangered species, water contact and non-contact recreation, shellfish harvesting, fish spawning, and wildlife habitat. Contaminated stormwater from the Facility adversely affects the water quality of the Santa Maria River and overall Santa Maria River Watershed, and threatens the beneficial uses and ecosystem of these watersheds, which includes habitats for threatened and endangered species.

II. THE FACILITY'S VIOLATIONS OF THE CLEAN WATER ACT

It is unlawful to discharge pollutants to waters of the United States, such as the Santa Maria River, without an NPDES permit or in violation of the terms and conditions of an NPDES permit. CWA § 301(a), 33 U.S.C. § 1311(a); *see also* CWA § 402(p), 33 U.S.C. § 1342(p) (requiring NPDES permit issuance for the discharge of stormwater associated with industrial activities). The Industrial Stormwater Permit authorizes certain discharges of stormwater, conditioned on compliance with its terms.

Santa Maria Refinery has submitted a Notice of Intent ("NOI") to be authorized to discharge stormwater from the Facility under the Industrial Stormwater Permit since at least 1992. However, information available to Personal Private indicates that stormwater discharges from the Facility have violated several terms of the Industrial Stormwater Permit and the CWA. Apart from discharges that comply with the Industrial Stormwater Permit, the Facility lacks NPDES permit authorization for any other discharges of pollutants into waters of the United States.

A. Discharges in Excess of BAT/BCT Levels

The Effluent Limitations of the Industrial Stormwater Permit prohibit the discharge of pollutants from the facility in concentrations above the level commensurate with the application of best available technology economically achievable ("BAT") for toxic pollutants³ and best conventional pollutant control technology ("BCT") for conventional pollutants.⁴ Industrial Stormwater Permit § I(D)(32), II(D)(2); Previous Industrial Stormwater Permit, Order Part B(3). The EPA has published Benchmark values set at the maximum pollutant concentration present if an industrial facility is employing BAT and BCT, as listed in Attachment 1 to this letter.⁵ These benchmark values are reiterated and incorporated into the Industrial Stormwater Permit. *See* Industrial Stormwater Permit § XI(B) Tables 1-2.

Additionally, the Previous Industrial Stormwater Permit notes that effluent limitation guidelines for several named industrial categories have been established and codified by the Federal Government. *See* Previous Industrial Stormwater Permit pp. VIII. The Previous Industrial Stormwater Permit mandates that for facilities that fall within such industrial categories, compliance with the listed BAT and BCT for the specified pollutants listed therein must be met in order to be in compliance with the Previous Industrial Stormwater Permit. *Id.* Santa Maria Refinery falls within these named industrial categories and it must

³ BAT is defined at 40 C.F.R. § 437.1 *et seq.* Toxic pollutants are listed at 40 C.F.R. § 401.15 and include copper, lead, and zinc, among others.

⁴ BCT is defined at 40 C.F.R. § 437.1 *et seq.* Conventional pollutants are listed at 40 C.F.R. § 401.16 and include BOD, TSS, oil and grease, pH, and fecal coliform.

⁵ The Benchmark values are part of the EPA's Multi-Sector General Permit ("MSGP") and can be found at: http://www.epa.gov/npdes/pubs/msgp2008_finalpermit.pdf. *See* 73 Fed. Reg. 56, 572 (Sept. 29, 2008) (Final National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) General Permit for Stormwater Discharges From Industrial Activities).

have complied with the effluent limitations found therein in order to have been in compliance with the Previous Industrial Stormwater Permit during its effective period. In addition, the Industrial Stormwater Permit requires dischargers to comply with Effluent Limitations "consistent with U.S. EPA's 2008 Multi Sector General Permit for Stormwater Discharges Associated with Industrial Activity (the "2008 MSGP")". See Industrial Stormwater Permit § I(D)(33). The 2008 MSGP has specific numeric effluent limitations based upon Standard Industrial Classification ("SIC") codes. Furthermore, these SIC code based benchmark values are reiterated and incorporated into the Industrial Stormwater Permit. See Industrial Stormwater Permit § XI(B) Tables 1-2. Notably, Santa Maria Refinery is classified as falling under SIC Code 2911, relating to Petroleum Refining, requiring it to be within numerical effluent limitations for (i) pH; (ii) Oil and Grease; and (iii) Total Suspended Solids. Based on Santa Maria Refinery's complete lack of self-reporting data over the last five (5) annual reporting periods, Santa Maria Refinery has not met this requirement and was in violation of the Previous Stormwater Permit over a period of approximately five (5) years.

Santa Maria Refinery's complete lack of self-reporting of industrial stormwater discharges show a consistent failure to adequately monitor numerical pollutant discharge values in every instance of self-reporting. See Attachment 2. This pattern of a lack of self-reporting indicates that Santa Maria Refinery has failed and is failing to employ measures that constitute BAT and BCT in violation of the requirements of the Industrial Stormwater Permit and Previous Industrial Stormwater Permit. Personal Priv alleges and notifies Santa Maria Refinery that it has not submitted pollutant testing of any kind for stormwater discharges from the Facility within the last five year, and it is therefore likely that stormwater discharges from the facility consistently contain and continue to contain unknown levels of pollutants that likely exceed benchmark values for pH, Oil and Grease, and TSS.

Santa Maria Refinery's ongoing discharges of stormwater containing unknown levels of pollutants likely above EPA Benchmark values and BAT and BCT based levels of control also demonstrate that Santa Maria Refinery has not developed and implemented sufficient Best Management Practices ("BMPs") at the Facility. Proper BMPs could include, but are not limited to, moving certain pollution-generating activities under cover or indoors capturing and effectively filtering or otherwise treating all stormwater prior to discharge, frequent sweeping to reduce build-up of pollutants on-site, installing filters on downspouts and storm drains, and other similar measures.

Santa Maria Refinery's failure to develop and/or implement adequate pollution controls to meet BAT and BCT and the Facility violates and will continue to violate the CWA and the Industrial Stormwater Permit each and every day Santa Maria Refinery's discharges stormwater without meeting BAT/BCT. Personal Priv alleges that Santa Maria Refinery has discharged stormwater containing excessive levels of pollutants from the Facility to the Santa Maria River during at least every significant local rain event over 0.2 inches in the last five (5) years.⁶ Attachment 3 compiles all dates in the last five (5) years when a significant rain event occurred. Santa Maria Refinery is subject to civil penalties for each violation of the Industrial Stormwater Permit and the CWA within the past five (5) years.

B. Discharges Impairing Receiving Waters

The Industrial Stormwater Permit's Discharge Prohibitions disallow stormwater discharges that cause or threaten to cause pollution, contamination, or nuisance. See Industrial Stormwater Permit § III; Previous Industrial Stormwater Permit, Order Part A(2). The Industrial Stormwater Permit also prohibits stormwater discharges to surface or groundwater that adversely impact human health or the environment. See Industrial Stormwater Permit § VI(b)-(c); Previous Industrial Stormwater Permit, Order Part C(1). Receiving Water Limitations of the Industrial Stormwater Permit prohibit stormwater discharges that cause or contribute to an exceedance of applicable Water Quality Standards ("WQS") contained in a Statewide Water Quality Control Plan or the applicable Regional Water Board's Basin Plan. See Industrial Stormwater Permit § VI(a); Previous Industrial Stormwater Permit at Order Part C(2). Applicable WQS

⁶ Significant local rain events are reflected in the rain gauge data available at: <http://www.ncdc.noaa.gov/cdo-web/search>.

are set forth in the California Toxic Rule ("CTR")⁷ and Chapter 3 of the Central Coast Region (Region 3) Water Quality Control Plan (the "Basin Plan").⁸ See Attachment 1. Exceedances of WQS are violations of the Industrial Stormwater Permit, the CTR, and the Basin Plan.

The Basin Plan establishes WQS for all Inland Surface Waters, Enclosed Bays, and Estuaries of the Central Coast Region, including but not limited to the following:

- Waters shall not contain suspended material in concentrations that cause nuisance or adversely affect beneficial uses.
- Waters shall not contain settleable material in concentrations that cause nuisance or adversely affect beneficial uses.
- Waters shall not contain oils, greases, waxes, or other similar materials in concentrations that result in a visible film or coating on the surface of the water or on objects in the water, that cause nuisance, or that otherwise adversely affect beneficial uses.
- The suspended sediment load and suspended sediment discharge rate of surface waters shall not be altered in such a manner as to cause nuisance or adversely affect beneficial uses.
- Waters shall be free of changes in turbidity that cause nuisance or adversely affect beneficial uses. Increases in natural turbidity attributable to controllable water quality factors shall not exceed the following limits:
 - Where natural turbidity is between 0 and 50 Jackson Turbidity Units ("JTU"), increases shall not exceed 20%;
 - Where natural turbidity is between 50 and 100 JTU, increases shall not exceed JTU.
 - Where natural turbidity is greater than 100 JTU, increases shall not exceed 10%;

Allowable zones of dilution which higher concentrations will be tolerated will be defined for each discharge in discharge permits.

- For water not mentioned by a specific beneficial use, the pH value shall not be depressed below 7.0 or raised above 8.5.
- All waters shall be maintained free of toxic substances in concentrations that are toxic to, or that produce detrimental physiological responses in, human, plant, animal, or aquatic life.

Personal Priv alleges that Santa Maria Refinery's stormwater discharges have caused or contributed to exceedances of Receiving Water Limitations in the Industrial Stormwater Permit and the WQS set forth in the Basin Plan and CTR. These allegations are based on Santa Maria Refinery's self-reported data submitted to the Central Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board. These sampling results indicate that Santa Maria Refinery's discharges are causing or threatening to cause pollution, contamination, and/or nuisance; adversely impacting human health or the environment; and violating applicable WQS.

⁷ The CTR is set forth at 40 C.F.R. § 131.38 and is explained in the Federal Register preamble accompanying the CTR promulgation set forth at 65 Fed. Reg. 31, 682 (May 18, 2000).

⁸ The Basin Plan is published by the Central Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board at: http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralcoast/publications_forms/publications/basin_plan/index.shtml. Water Quality Standards are referred to as "Water Quality Objectives" in the Basin Plan.

Personal Priv alleges that each day that Santa Maria Refinery has discharged stormwater from the Facility, Santa Maria Refinery's stormwater has and/or may have contained levels of pollutants that exceeded one or more of the Receiving Water Limitations and/or applicable WQS in the Santa Maria River and overall Santa Maria River Watershed. Personal Priv alleges that Santa Maria Refinery has discharged stormwater exceeding Receiving Water Limitations and/or WQS from the Facility to the Santa Maria River and overall Santa Maria River Watershed during at least every significant local rain event over 0.2 inches in the last five (5) years. See Attachment 3. Each discharge from the Facility that violates a Receiving Water Limitation or has caused or contributed, or caused or contributes, to an exceedance of an applicable WQS constitutes a separate violation of the Industrial Stormwater Permit and the CWA Santa Maria Refinery is subject to penalties for each violation of the Industrial Stormwater Permit and the CWA within the past five (5) years.

C. Failure to Develop and Implement an Adequate Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan

The Industrial Stormwater Permit requires dischargers to develop and implement an adequate Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan ("SWPPP"). See Industrial Stormwater Permit, § X(B); Previous Industrial Stormwater Permit § A(1)(a). The Industrial Stormwater Permit also requires dischargers to make all necessary revisions to existing SWPPPs promptly. See Industrial Stormwater Permit, § X(B); Previous Industrial Stormwater Permit at Order Part E(2).

The SWPPP must include, among other requirements, the following: a site map, a list of significant materials handled and stored at the site, a description and assessment of all Santa Maria Refinery pollutant sources, a description of the BMPs that will reduce or prevent pollutants in stormwater discharges, specification of BMPs designed to reduce pollutant discharge to BAT and BCT levels, a comprehensive site compliance evaluation completed each reporting year, and revisions to the SWPPP within 90 days after a facility manager determines that the SWPPP is in violation of any requirements of the Industrial Stormwater Permit. See Industrial Stormwater Permit, § X(A); Previous Industrial Stormwater Permit Section § A.

Based on information available to Personal Priv Santa Maria Refinery has failed to prepare and/or implement an adequate SWPPP and/or failed to revise the SWPPP to satisfy each of the requirements of § X(A) of the Industrial Stormwater Permit and/or § A Previous Industrial Stormwater Permit. For Example, Santa Maria Refinery SWPPP does not include and/or Santa Maria Refinery has not implemented adequate BMPs designed to reduce pollutant levels in discharges to BAT and BCT levels in accordance with Section A(8) of the Industrial Stormwater Permit, as evidenced by the data in Attachment 2. For example, Santa Maria Refinery has failed to create and implement an adequate the Monitoring and Reporting Program ("MRP") on a consistent basis for a period of at least five (5) annual reporting periods. This is evident by the lack of a MRP in Santa Maria Refinery's most recent SWPPP.

Accordingly, Santa Maria Refinery has violated the CWA each and every day that it has failed to develop and/or implement an adequate SWPPP meeting all of the requirements of § X(A) of the Industrial Stormwater Permit and/or § A Previous Industrial Stormwater Permit, and Santa Maria Refinery will continue to be in violation every day until it develops and implements an adequate SWPPP. Santa Maria Refinery is subject to penalties for each violation of the Industrial Stormwater Permit and the CWA occurring within the past five (5) years.

D. Failure to Develop and Implement an Adequate Monitoring and Reporting Program and to Perform Annual Comprehensive Site Compliance Evaluations

The Industrial Stormwater Permit requires facility operators to develop and implement a Monitoring and Reporting Program ("MRP"). See Industrial Stormwater Permit, § XI; Previous Industrial Stormwater Permit § B(1) and Order Part E(3). The Industrial Stormwater Permit requires that MRP ensure that each the facility's stormwater discharges comply with the Discharge Prohibitions, Effluent Limitations, and Receiving Water Limitations specified in the Industrial Stormwater Permit. *Id.* Facility operators must ensure that their MRP practices reduce or prevent pollutants in stormwater and authorized

non-stormwater discharges as well as evaluate and revise their practices to meet changing conditions at the facility. *Id.* This may include revising the SWPPP as required by § X(A) of the Industrial Stormwater Permit and/or § A Previous Industrial Stormwater Permit.

The MRP must measure the effectiveness of BMPs used to prevent or reduce pollutants in stormwater and authorized non-stormwater discharges, and facility operators must revise the MRP whenever appropriate. *See* Industrial Stormwater Permit, § XI; Previous Industrial Stormwater Permit § at Section B. The Industrial Stormwater Permit requires facility operators to visually observe and collect samples of stormwater discharges from all drainage areas. *Id.* Facility operators are also required to provide an explanation of monitoring methods describing how the facility's monitoring program will satisfy these objectives. *Id.*

Santa Maria Refinery has been operating the Facility with an inadequately developed and/or inadequately implemented MRP, in violation of the substantive and procedural requirements set forth in Section B of the Industrial Stormwater permit. For example, the data in Attachment 2 indicates that Santa Maria Refinery's monitoring program has not ensured that stormwater dischargers are in compliance with the Discharge Prohibitions, Effluent Limitations, and Receiving Water Limitations of the Industrial Stormwater Permit as required by the Industrial Stormwater Permit, § XI and/or the Previous Industrial Stormwater Permit § B. The monitoring has not resulted in practices at the Facility that adequately reduce or prevent pollutants in stormwater as required by Industrial Stormwater Permit, § XI and/or the Previous Industrial Stormwater Permit § B. Additionally, the Industrial Stormwater Permit requires dischargers to comply with Effluent Limitations "consistent with U.S. EPA's 2008 Multi Sector General Permit for Stormwater Discharges Associated with Industrial Activity (the "2008 MSGP")". The 2008 MSGP has specific numeric effluent limitations based upon Standard Industrial Classification ("SIC") codes. Furthermore, these SIC code based benchmark values are reiterated and incorporated into the Industrial Stormwater Permit. *See* Industrial Stormwater Permit § XI(B) Tables 1-2. Notably, Santa Maria Refinery is classified as falling under SIC Code 2911, relating to Petroleum Refining, requiring it to be within numerical effluent limitations for (i) pH; (ii) Oil and Grease; and (iii) Total Suspended Solids. As previously stated, and in clear violation of the terms of the Industrial Stormwater Permit, Santa Maria Refinery has consistently failed to report testing results for any applicable effluent limitation in their annual reports for the past five (5) annual reporting periods. *See* Attachments 2, 3. Therefore, the data in Attachment 2 indicates that Santa Maria Refinery's monitoring program has not effectively identified or responded to compliance problems at the Facility or resulted in effective revision of the BMPs in use or the Facility's SWPPP to address such ongoing problems as required by Industrial Stormwater Permit, § XI and/or the Previous Industrial Stormwater Permit § B.

As a part of the MRP, the Industrial Stormwater Permit specifies that Facility operators shall collect a total of four (4) stormwater samples throughout an annual reporting period. Specifically the Industrial Stormwater Permit requires, "The discharger to collect and analyze samples from two (2) Qualifying Storm Events ('QSE's) within the first half of each reporting year (July 1 to December 31), and two (2) QSEs within the second half of each reporting year (January 1 to June 30)." Industrial Stormwater Permit § XI B(2).⁹ Furthermore, should facility operators fail to collect samples from the first storm event of the wet season, they are still required to collect samples from two other storm events during the wet season, and explain in the annual report why the first storm event was not sampled. *Id.* Despite this requirement Santa Maria Refinery has submitted the annual report for the 2012-2013, 2013-2014, 2014-2015, and 2015-2016 annual reporting period with no testing data whatsoever, and has currently submitted no testing data for any QSE in the current 2016-2017 annual reporting period. Moreover, Santa Maria Refinery has failed to adequately explain why such sampling was not included.

⁹ Under the Previous Industrial Stormwater Permit, only two samplings per year was required, specifically, from "the first hour of discharge from (1) the first storm event of the wet season, and (2) at least one other storm event in the wet season." *See* Previous Industrial Stormwater Permit § B(5)(a). Of note, Defendants acknowledge this requirement in their most current SWPPP, at § 8.5.

The Industrial Stormwater Permit also requires dischargers to include laboratory reports with their Annual Reports submitted to the Regional Board. *See* Industrial Stormwater Permit, Fact Sheet § O and/or Previous Industrial Stormwater Permit § B(14). Notably, Santa Maria Refinery has not submitted any laboratory reports with testing data for any QSE in the 2012-2013, 2013-2014, 2014-2015, and 2015-2016 annual reporting periods, and has currently submitted no laboratory reports for any QSE in the ongoing 2016-2017 reporting period. Additionally, Santa Maria Refinery has failed to adequately explain why such sampling was not included.

As a result of Santa Maria Refinery's failure to adequately develop and/or implement an adequate MRP at the Facility, Santa Maria Refinery has been in daily and continuous violation of the Industrial Stormwater Permit and the CWA each and every day for the past five (5) years. These violations are ongoing. Santa Maria Refinery will continue to be in violation of the monitoring and reporting requirement each day that Santa Maria Refinery fails to adequately develop and/or implement an effective MRP at the Facility. Santa Maria Refinery is subject to penalties for each violation of the Industrial Stormwater Permit and the CWA occurring for the last five (5) years.

E. Unpermitted Discharges

Section 301(a) of the CWA prohibits the discharge of any pollutant into waters of the United States unless the discharge is authorized by a NPDES Permit issued pursuant to Section 402 of the CWA. *See* 33 U.S.C. §§ 1311(a), 1342. Santa Maria Refinery sought coverage for the Facility under the Industrial Stormwater Permit, which states that any discharge from an industrial facility not in compliance with the Industrial Stormwater Permit "must be either eliminated or permitted by a separate NPDES permit." Industrial Stormwater Permit, § III; Previous Industrial Stormwater Permit, Order Part A(1). Because Santa Maria Refinery has not obtained coverage under a separate NPDES permit and has failed to eliminate discharges not permitted by the Industrial Stormwater Permit, each and every discharge from the Facility described herein not in compliance with the Industrial Stormwater Permit has constituted and will continue to constitute a discharge without CWA Permit coverage in violation of section 301(a) of the CWA, 33 U.S.C. § 1311(a).

IV. PERSON RESPONSIBLE FOR THE VIOLATIONS

Greka Integrated, Inc. d/b/a Santa Maria Refining Co. a/k/a Santa Maria Asphalt Refinery is the person responsible of the violations at the Facility described above.

V. NAME AND ADDRESS OF NOTICING PARTY

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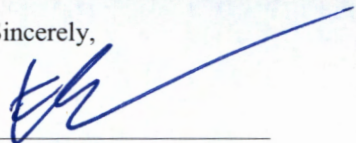
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VII. REMEDIES

Personal Priv intends, at the close of the 60-day notice period or thereafter, to file a citizen suit under CWA section 505(a) against Santa Maria Refinery for the above-referenced violations. Personal Priv will seek declaratory and injunctive relief to prevent further CWA violations pursuant to CWA sections 505(a) and (d), 33 U.S.C. § 1365(a) and (d), and such other relief as permitted by law. In addition, Personal Priv will seek civil penalties pursuant to CWA section 309(d), 33 U.S.C. § 1319(d), and 40 C.F.R. § 19.4, against Santa Maria Refinery in this action. The CWA imposes civil penalty liability of up to \$37,500 per day per violation for violations occurring after January 12, 2009. 33 U.S.C. § 1319(d); 40 C.F.R. § 19.4. Personal Priv will seek to recover attorneys' fees, experts' fees, and costs in accordance with CWA section 505(d), 33 U.S.C. § 1365(d).

As noted above, Personal Priv and his Counsel are willing to meet with you during the 60-day notice period to discuss effective remedies for the violations noted in this letter. Please contact me to initiate these discussions.

Sincerely,



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**ATTACHMENT 1: EPA BENCHMARKS AND WATER QUALITY STANDARDS FOR
DISCHARGES TO FRESHWATER**

A. EPA Benchmarks, 2008 Multi-Sector General Permit ("MSGP")

Parameter	Units	Benchmark Value	Source
pH	pH Units	Less than 6.0 Greater than 9.0 (Instantaneous)	2008 MSGP; Industrial Stormwater Permit § XI(B) Tables 1-2
Oil & Grease	Mg/L	25 (Instantaneous) 15 (Annual)	2008 MSGP; Industrial Stormwater Permit § XI(B) Tables 1-2
Total Suspended Solids	Mg/L	400 (Instantaneous) 100 (Annual)	2008 MSGP; Industrial Stormwater Permit § XI(B) Tables 1-2

**B. Water Quality Standards – Discharge Limitations and Monitoring Requirements
(40 CFR Part 131.38 (California Toxics Rule or CTR), May 18, 2000)**

Parameter	Units	Water Quality Objectives		Source
		4- Day Average	1-Hr Average	
Lead	Mg/L	0.0081	0.21	40 CFR Part 131.38
Zinc	Mg/L	0.081	0.090	40 CFR Part 131.38

**ATTACHMENT 2: TABLE OF EXCEEDENCES FOR
SANTA MARIA REFINERY**

The following table contains each stormwater sampling result which exceeds EPA Benchmarks and/or causes or contributes to an exceedance of CFR and/or Basin Plan Water Quality Standards. All EPA Benchmarks and CFR and/or Basin Plan Water Quality Standards are listed in Attachment 1. All stormwater samples were reported by the Facility during the past five (5) years.

Reporting Period	Sample Date	Parameter	Result	Unit
2016-2017	NO TESTING RESULTS REPORTED FOR ANY PARAMETER			
2015-2016	NO TESTING RESULTS REPORTED FOR ANY PARAMETER			
2014-2015	NO TESTING RESULTS REPORTED FOR ANY PARAMETER			
2013-2014	NO TESTING RESULTS REPORTED FOR ANY PARAMETER			
2012-2013	NO TESTING RESULTS REPORTED FOR ANY PARAMETER			

* Santa Maria Refinery has failed to submit testing results for any required effluent limitations in the 2012-2013, 2013-2014, 2014-2015, and 2015-2016 annual reporting periods and the ongoing 2016-2017 annual reporting period.

* Santa Maria Refinery has failed to submit any Laboratory Reports for the 2012-2013, 2013-2014, 2014-2015, and 2015-2016 annual reporting periods and the ongoing 2016-2017 annual reporting period.

**ATTACHMENT 3: ALLEGED DATES OF EXCEEDANCES BY
SANTA MARIA REFINERY
January 1, 2012 – April 12, 2017**

Days with precipitation two-tenths of an inch or greater, as reported by NOAA's National Climatic Data Center, Stations: Santa Maria Public Airport, CA US GHCND:USW00023273, when a stormwater discharge from the Facility is likely to have occurred. <http://www.ncdc.noaa.gov/cdo-web/search>

2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
1/21	1/6	2/25	2/7	1/5	1/4
1/23	2/8	2/28	3/2	1/6	1/7
2/13	2/19	3/1	4/7	1/7	1/8
3/17	3/7	3/2	5/14	1/19	1/11
3/18		3/31	11/2	1/31	1/18
3/25		4/1	12/19	2/18	1/19
3/31		4/2		3/5	1/20
4/10		10/31		3/6	1/22
4/13		11/1		3/7	1/23
4/25		12/2		3/11	2/5
10/22		12/11		3/13	2/6
11/17		12/12		4/9	2/7
11/30		12/16		5/5	2/10
12/2				10/27	2/16
12/23				10/28	2/17
12/26				11/20	2/21
12/29				11/26	3/21
				12/8	
				12/15	
				12/16	
				12/23	